

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**APPLICANT:** Oberle et al. **GROUP:** 3682  
**SERIAL NO:** 10/714,410 **EXAMINER:** Justin Krause  
**FILED:** November 14, 2003  
**FOR:** POWER-ASSISTED STEERING HAVING A GEAR MECHANISM

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

This amendment is in response to the Official Action dated March 27, 2009. Please amend the application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 17 as follows: